

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are pending in the present application.

Requirement for Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I, claims 1-17, 22-28, 34-39, drawn to an apparatus/method for controlling an aperture of a camera;

Group II, claims 18-21, 29-33, 40-43, drawn to drawn to an apparatus/method for controlling a taking lens;

Group III, claims 45-47, drawn to an apparatus/method for controlling edging (general processing); and

Group IV, claims 48 & 49, drawn to micro lens of an image sensor (optics peculiar to solid-state sensor).

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-17, 22-28, 34-39.

Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner indicates that if Applicants elect Group I, then a further election of species is required as set forth in paragraph 2 of the Office Action.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species 1 corresponding to figures 3, 7 and 8.

Claims readable on the elected species include claims 2, 6, 16, 17, 27, 28, 38 and 39.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: JUL 7 2005

Respectfully submitted,

By 
Marc S. Weiner
Registration No.: 32,181
BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP
8110 Gatehouse Rd
Suite 100 East
P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000
Attorney for Applicant